

THE IMPENDING CRISIS.

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which teaches men to hate each other, because of a difference of hair, complexion and condition. It is the religion of hell, and no *Negro* with an ounce of manhood can swallow it even in small doses.

As in religion, so in politics. The *Negro* is the chief topic of discussion—the thorn in the side of the white man. How to put him out and how to keep him out are serious questions. Arthur Pue Gorman, a Maryland demagogue, has discovered a plan, and has applied it with some success in the State of Maryland recently.

What Gorman is up to does not appear on the surface, but those who will take the trouble to look beneath it will discover that his anti-*Negro* crusade, which is to be made a prominent issue in the Presidential campaign next year, has for its object (1) the uniting of the Democratic party of the South and of the Nation against the recognition of the *Negro's* claim to citizenship and his right to participate in the selection of his rulers, or to represent a constituency in office as a result of the free expression of popular will; (2) the election of a Democratic President (preferably A. P. Gorman, of Maryland) committed to the idea that the three amendments to the Constitution are not sound in law, and who will pledge himself and his *creators* to so manipulate the Judges of the Supreme Court as to force a decision that will sound the death knell of *Negro* citizenship, not only in the State of Maryland but throughout the United States.

This is Gorman's game and aim, and he is playing it with the desperation and cunning of a card shak who has staked his last dollar on a game of poker.

Gorman's appeal to white prejudice found a ready response in Maryland and he won out in a canter. Can he win out in 1904? This question does not concern the Republican party; it does concern the *Negro*, whose manhood and citizenship is in jeopardy, whose political future is threatened by a Jesuitical politician, than whom there is none more corrupt or more unscrupulous this side of the heated hence. The Republican party stands for the civil and political rights of all men, black and white. The Democratic party is against us. This being true, will the *Negro*, like a fool, stand still and wait for the Republican party to fight his battle, or will he, like a man, take off his coat and go at these rebel devils in good earnest and fight them to a standstill at the polls, as he can with intelligent organization in the States where the Gorman propaganda has not yet been introduced. We all understand the animus which underlies the Gorman campaign against the present administration. Its activity and intensity are a confession of fear that if Mr. Roosevelt is elected in 1904, *Negroes* will enjoy political rights and privileges which are now denied them in many Southern States. Can any sensible or self-respecting *Negro* do otherwise than work and vote

for the election of Mr. Roosevelt, and would any but an ingrate and a traitor vote for the Gorman idea? The fight is on.

The race issue is to be the Shibboleth of the Democratic party in 1904. Which side are you on, kind reader? Your house is on fire; will you go to fetch your neighbor to put it out, or will you put it out yourself?

BRUCE GRIT.

Yonkers, November 14, 1903.

THE BUFFALO BALL.

At the True Reformers' Hall—A Grand Success—A Pace Setter for Other Organizations—The Social Features.

"There was a sound of revelry by night."

The Buffalo Club, a new popular social organization, gave its first entertainment at the True Reformers Hall, corner Twelfth and U streets, last Tuesday evening. The gathering was a large but very select one. It was a full dress affair and the young ladies, as well as the young men, vied with each other in the beauty and perfection of their costumes. A close scrutiny was kept on objectionable characters, so that no unpleasantness or unseemly circumstances marred the pleasure of the evening. The program was carefully prepared and was very unique. The ball proper began at 9 o'clock and the bewitching strains of Ambler's Invincible Orchestra put everyone present in a dancing mood; and the light fantastic toe was tripped until a late hour.

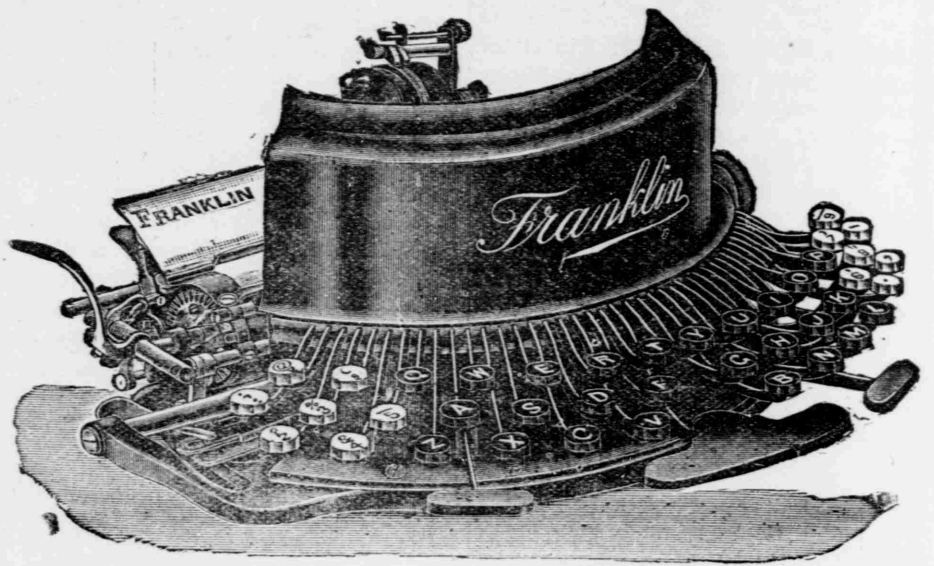
The hall and galleries, which are commodious and beautifully arranged, were filled comfortably with Washington's elite, and the management, with President J. Madison Jackson at its head, assisted by an excellent corps of floor managers, and other officials are to be congratulated upon the success of the first entertainment. Caterer E. Murray had charge of the buffet and everything in the gamut of good things was to be had in abundance. To use a hackneyed expression, the table fairly groaned with the weight of good things. Everything went as merry as a marriage bell, until the orchestra in dulcet tones struck up "Home, Sweet Home."

WIDOW SCOTT SUED.

Mr. E. R. James is suing Mrs. McKinsey Scott for \$6,000 damages for alleged breach of contract. Mr. James claims that Mrs. Scott made an agreement with him in August, 1901, to the effect that she would give him the undertaking establishment at 432 Second street southwest and a branch establishment at 1826 L street northwest if he would conduct the business for her three years free of charge, and that during that time he was to give her the proceeds. Some misunderstanding has arisen, hence the lawsuit.

The song service at Third Baptist Church, Fifth and Q streets northwest, Sunday night last, was well attended. The singing was something grand. Miss L. Coleman is directress, and Rev. J. H. Lee pastor.

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